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Senator: Singh, Lisa

Question:

Senator SINGH: I understand that. Firstly, have you got that information on the breakdown by state; and, secondly, how many applications are outstanding?

Dr Skerritt: I will just check. I do have it somewhere. I have SAS approvals by state and territory. There have been approvals in every state, but none in the Northern Territory or ACT yet.

Senator SINGH: We are not talking about SAS; we are talking about the Authorised Prescriber Scheme.

Dr Skerritt: Okay—authorised prescribers. As we said, 23 are New South Wales. I suspect the other one is Queensland, but I need to check that in another part of my documents.

Answer:

State/ Territory Authorised Prescribers:

New South Wales: 22 Authorised Prescribers for medicinal cannabis (21 for refractory paediatric epilepsy and 1 for nausea and vomiting in adult cancer patients receiving chemotherapy).

Queensland: 3 Authorised Prescribers for medicinal cannabis (3 for refractory paediatric epilepsy).

Authorised Prescriber applications outstanding:

As of 29 May 2017 there were no Authorised prescriber applications outstanding for medicinal cannabis.